



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2010

The May 18, 2010 meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by the Vice Chairperson, Shirley Leeper, PTA.

Call to Order

Board members present:

John Baker, PT (left meeting at 3 p.m.)
Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson
Lori Mizell, PT
Donald Novak, PT
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Stephen Ryan, PT

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary
Deborah Jackson, Secretary
John Bull, Investigator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Francesca Gibbs, Staff Attorney
Sharon Bloom
Sharon Opouke, PTA

Absent:

Margery Rodgers, PT, Board Chairperson
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer

Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson, introduced the Board's new investigator, John Bull. The Board members introduced themselves.

Welcome

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| APTA Meeting attended by Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson, was added to the agenda. | Agenda |
| The minutes of the Open Session for April 20, 2010 were accepted as amended. | Minutes |
| Ann Tyminski received an e-mail from Janice Chou in reference to documentation requirements for PT screens and treatments/recommendations resulting from screens. The Board directed a response be sent indicating that screens determine whether a patient may be appropriate for a physical therapy referral. Treatment is not offered from the screen. An evaluation of the patient for physical therapy needs is required once the referral is received. | Documentation Requirements |
| Mrs. Tyminski received an inquiry from Chequita Lanier, PTA asking if a student needs to be seen by the PT before the PTA can treat the student. The Board stated that the student needs to be seen by the PT first, if more than 30 days have elapsed since the student was seen by a physical therapist. | Treating Students |
| Mr. Bures received an e-mail from Carrie Krug, PT. She is starting a women's health program where she works. Ms. Krug wants to include breast massage techniques (for survivors of breast cancer and pre & post breast surgeries) as part of her program. She states that she has taken several women's health courses through APTA. Ms. Krug asks what are the compliance guidelines and rules/regulations for the state of Maryland. The Board advised that the requirements for these patients would be the same as for any physical therapy patient. | Women's Health Program |
| Ann Tyminski received an e-mail from Ibrahim Chapeyama, PT. Mr. Chapeyama owns a practice with aquatics and would like to utilize his facility as a fitness center for seniors. He asks if he needs a special license or trainers license. The Board stated that if he is marketing the fitness center as physical therapy, then he would practice under the physical therapy laws and regulations. If not, then he would not be marketing the services using his physical therapy credentials. | Fitness Center |
| An inquiry received from Dennis Roman, PT. was reviewed. Mr. Roman inquires if a physical therapist can supervise a respiratory therapist via direct, in-direct or onsite supervision in an outpatient setting and bill for PT services. The Board answered no. Secondly, he inquired whether a PT may use the information obtained by a respiratory therapist (vital signs, RPE, RPD) when re-examining a patient. The Board stated that a PT can use this information, such as a physical therapist might use any information provided by any other healthcare provider. | Respiratory Therapists |
| Mrs. Tyminski received an inquiry from Susan Cecere, PT, asking if the activity of teaching ROM exercises to non-professional school staff, who can then help students perform those exercises, is acceptable. The Board stated that it is appropriate to teach these exercises to non-professional school staff who are essentially care givers in the school setting, just as family members may be taught those exercises. | ROM Exercises |

Laura Judd, PTA had two scenarios for the Board in her inquiry. She will be advised that a PTA cannot direct or supervise a PT aide. She will also be advised that the PTA cannot treat a patient until the Physical Therapist has evaluated the patient and written a plan of care that has been provided to the physical therapist assistant. The appropriate practice standard is the patient is seen by the PT first and the PTA can only treat once the plan of care has been provided to the PTA. Patients should not be scheduled for the PTA if there is not sufficient time to have the plan of care written and provided to the PTA prior to the patient's arriving in the waiting room.

PT Plan of
Care

An e-mail from Courtney Ray, with three questions in reference to caring for Worker's Compensation patients:

Worker's
Compensation

1. May a PTA be considered the rendering provider.

The Board's answer was yes.

2. Is it required that therapy notes be attached to the bill when submitting for reimbursement?

The Board stated that this would be up to the insurance company.

3. May the PTA sign the notes, or are the notes required to be signed by the supervising PT?

The Board stated that the PTA may sign the notes.

An inquiry from Amy Lamendola, PT, inquiry as to appropriate treatment for a patient referred for bilateral trochanteric bursitis with a PMH of RA and (L) hip avascular necrosis. The Board referred her to the orthopedic section of APTA and directed she be complimented on researching appropriate treatment.

Orthopedics

The Board held elections for the new Chairperson. Shirley Leeper, PTA and Stephen Ryan, PT ran for the position. Shirley Leeper, PTA was elected Chairperson. Lori Mizell was the only nominee for Vice Chairperson, and accepted the position.

Board
Elections

Lori Mizell was voted the Board member delegate for FSBPT's annual meeting to be held October 14-16.

FSBPT

Reports

Shirley Leeper, PTA, Board Vice-Chairperson reported on the APTA of Maryland Spring Meeting, held May 6, 2010.

APTA Spring
Meeting

Shirley Leeper, PTA, Board Vice-Chairperson reported on the APTA of Maryland Board of Directors Meeting, held April 17, 2010.

APTA Board of
Directors
Meeting

Joy Aaron, Deputy Director gave an update on the 2010 online renewals. Ms. Aaron stated that this has been the easiest year, to date, for the online renewals. Thus far there have been 2,144 physical therapists and 542 physical therapist assistant renewals for a total revenue of \$565,750.

Online
Renewals

Income summaries were distributed to the Board.

Income
Summaries

Information:

Mrs. Tyminski discussed the House of Delegates Motion Concepts Daily Summary, sent to her by Carol Zehnacker, PT. The subject, action to protect the use of the title physical therapist by Chiropractors, was proposed by Michigan. The Board discussed subjects to present at the upcoming meeting with the Chiropractic Board, to be held on June 3, 2010.

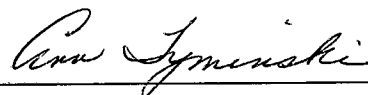
Chiropractors
Use of Title

The FSBPT Spring 2010 Federation Forum article on decision making by Boards was distributed.

FSBPT

The Board unanimously voted to close the open session at 2:10 p.m. for the purpose of engaging in medical review committee deliberations of physical therapist applications in accordance with State Government Article S10-50 8(a) (13).

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

June 15, 2010
Date approved



Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson